

THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

WORCESTER & CASEY, EDITORS.

Call for Mass Convention.

The citizens of Thomas County are requested to meet in Colby, at 1 p. m. sharp, Saturday, October 24th, to nominate candidates for the various county offices, to be filled at the special election on the 17th day of November next. SIGNED BY 61 VOTERS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

William Mitchell is a candidate for the office of clerk of the district court subject to the primaries.

Please announce the name of Thomas Reed as a candidate for representative.

We are authorized to announce the name of M. Donelan as a candidate for the office of county treasurer.

S. C. Passell is a candidate for sheriff of Thomas county, subject to the decision of the county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. Kingery as a candidate for the office of sheriff, subject to the decision of the primaries.

Miss Mary A. Hay, of Otterbourne, is a candidate for county superintendent of public instruction before the convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of E. J. Paine as a candidate for the office of clerk of the district court.

At the earnest solicitation of many citizens my name may be used in connection with the office of county treasurer.

N. D. BEAN.

We are authorized to announce the name of James Auld as a candidate for register of deeds, subject to the action of the convention.

Ed. Cat—Please announce the name of W. W. Walker as a candidate for the office of superintendent of public instruction.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. Witham as a candidate for commissioner of the First District.

MR. ED. BROTHERTON: The undersigned voters of Thomas county, respectfully petition you to announce your name for Sheriff.

SIGNED BY 16 VOTERS.

TO THE VOTERS OF THOMAS COUNTY: We would request that W. H. COPELAND be a candidate for representative to represent the growing commonwealth of Thomas in the Legislature of the State.

MANY VOTERS.

We are authorized to announce the name of SAMUEL STEWARDSON, as a candidate in the primaries for the office of county clerk.

Please announce in the columns of your paper the name of S. J. Adams as a candidate for the nomination for the office of county clerk of Thomas county, at the ensuing October primary election.

MANY VOTERS.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. Archer as a candidate for Probate Judge of Thomas county, subject to the decision of the primary election.

I am a candidate for the office of Probate Judge subject to the decision of the primaries.

Please announce my name for the office of Sheriff, subject to the decision of the October primaries.

I am a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Thomas county.

D. A. L. THOMPSON.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. G. Porter as a candidate for county attorney of Thomas county, subject to the decision of the primaries.

Election November 17th.

The commissioners have called a special election to be held November 17th.

R. T. Henning's name is favorably mentioned as a candidate for commissioner of the 3d district.

E. J. Paine is a candidate for clerk of the district court. E. J. is fully qualified for the office, a good penman, careful, and, if elected, we are sure will give perfect satisfaction.

William Mitchell is a candidate for clerk of the district court. We are not personally acquainted with Mr. Mitchell, but he has many friends who vouch for his ability.

Mr. W. Witham is a candidate for county commissioner of the 1st district. Mr. W. is a good business man, careful, with the necessary amount of energy to push the county business through.

There seems to be an inclination on the part of the electors to run Frank Pingree for commissioner of the second district. Frank will make a good commissioner, and we hope that he will allow his name to be used.

Miss Mary A. Hay, of Otterbourne, is a candidate for county superintendent of schools. Miss Hay has been acting as deputy superintendent of the county for several years, and is qualified for the position to which she aspires.

S. C. Passell is a candidate for sheriff. He is an old settler in Thomas county, having lived here for over four years, and is a young man of good habits. He has been constable of Thomas township for some time, and is backed for the office by some of the best men in the county.

Thos. Reed is announced as a candidate for representative. Mr. Reed has the necessary ability to fill the office, is an old settler of Thomas county, and his oldest acquaintances are his warmest supporters, which speaks well for him. Should he be nominated and elected, we are confident he will honor the county.

W. H. Kingery is announced as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the decision of the primaries. Mr. K. is at present county commissioner, recommended to and appointed by the Governor, and has many warm friends who will work hard for his nomination and election. There is no doubt of Mr. K.'s qualifications for the office.

The name of W. W. Walker is urged for county superintendent. Mr. W. has been in the school room several years, has been principal of several graded schools, and is well versed in the duties that devolve upon a county superintendent. He is trustworthy and has many friends who urge his election.

The name of James Auld appears in this issue as a candidate for register of deeds. James is first-class in the use of the pen, a gentleman of good judgment, and has few, if any enemies among the citizens of the county. James will make a strong race, and we can heartily support him should he be the nominee of the convention.

Had the county election been held on the day of the general election, it would have been necessary to elect a short term as well as a long term treasurer, but as the election occurs on the 17th, after the general election, there is but one treasurer to elect. All the officers elected on that day serve only until after the next general election, which will be in November, 1886. A full set of county officers are then elected, if we mistake not.

M. Donelan is a candidate for county treasurer. Mr. Donelan was the first man to establish business in Colby, and we believe sold the first bill of goods on the Colby town site. He is an excellent business man and makes a success of everything he undertakes. That the books of the county treasurer would be in "apple pie" order under his management, no one can doubt, and besides he is a perfectly reliable gentleman to attend to the county business.

EDITORS CAT:—Someone is trying to create the impression that N. D. Bean, who has been mentioned in your paper as a candidate for treasurer, has not been here the requisite time to qualify him for citizenship. This is a mistake. Mr. Bean came here the first week in May, secured a lot with A. J. Senter, and commenced digging a cellar with a view of erecting a building. He returned to Nebraska, closed up his business there, and is here permanently as one of our substantial citizens. Let's fight the battle out on square issues without any misrepresentations. CITIZEN.

W. G. Porter's census enumeration of Thomas county, as a preliminary to organizing, develops 1916 souls. It occurs to us that the fellows who favor organization might succeed now in nearly all the unorganized counties by enumerating the s-o-u-l-s, and then changing the orthography of the word to s-o-l-e-s. The population could thus be doubled on the spelling of the word. If at the state house the word-soles should be noticed, the officials would just conclude that the census-enumerator was not a gilt-edged speller.—WaKeeney World.

Is that the way that you are going to count your friends for Auditor next fall, Brother Tilton?

MR. EDITOR:—As my name has been mentioned for representative, I will say, if nominated and elected, I will work for the best interests of the growing commonwealth of Thomas. While I hail with pleasure the advent of railroads in our county, I am uncompromisingly opposed to voting bonds to aid such enterprises. I am also in favor of a better regulation by the State of railroad corporations. Will work for the attachment of Sherman county to Thomas for judicial purposes, also for the formation of a new judicial district in the west, with two terms of court in Thomas county each year. I am in favor of placing on the tax roll the 157,000 acres of railroad lands in the county.

Town ten is a part of Thomas county now, and should so remain. Any attempt to take it from the county, will be bitterly opposed by me.

Thanking my friends for the interest they have taken to announce me as a candidate, I will cheerfully submit to the will of the people.

Respectfully,
W. H. COPELAND.

The President's silence in regard to the New York Democratic State ticket is more eloquent than words.

From all the evidence that can be gleaned from different sources it seems to be a well settled fact that the B. & M. managers will build that popular road into Thomas county next year. The objective point of the Oberlin extension is Pueblo, Colorado, and by glancing at the map it can be seen that Thomas county and Colby lay in the line of that route. The B. & M. people are also aware that Thomas county is one of the finest counties in western Kansas, and that it has made a very rapid growth this season. Last January 161 people were in this county, now there are 2300. The 5th day of May the foundation of the first house was laid in Colby, now it has 75 substantial frame houses, some of which would be a credit to cities of greater pretensions, a population of near 400 people. It is the county seat of Thomas county and its people have means and enterprise to make it a substantial and lively town. The census just taken shows that the settlers are thrifty and industrious, they having broken ground to the amount of 10,000 acres nearly, and have raised 60,000 bushels of sod corn besides sorghum, millet, old ground corn, wheat, plenty of garden truck and many ricks of prairie hay. Forty-three thousand acres of school land has been disposed of and will be placed on the tax roll next March, to which can be added 16,000 acres of deeded land. The K. P. Railway company has 157,000 acres of land in the southern portion of the county which will be thrown upon the market next February, 1886. Thomas county has 4,000 quarter sections of land. Eight hundred of these are timber claims, one thousand quarter sections are railroad lands, about one thousand occupied by householders and the rest still unoccupied. The late census ordered taken by the state makes a remarkable showing for Thomas county in the last six months, as can be seen above. \$100,000 is a fair estimate of the personal property in the county, to this add the real estate 60,000 acres as above, and we have something that begins to attract the attention of railroad companies. The people of Thomas county are anxious to see the B. & M. iron horse make its way across her beautiful prairies, and if we can read the signs aright, they will be gratified in less than a year with this pleasant sight.

Commissioners' Proceedings.
COLBY, Kansas, October 10th, 1885.
The Board of County Commissioners of Thomas county, Kansas, appointed by Hon. John A. Martin, Governor of the State of Kansas, met in session in the office of Wilcox & Vanelevo, in Colby, Thomas county, Kansas, on Saturday, October 10th, 1885, for the purpose of dividing the county into suitable and convenient townships, and appointing the time for holding the first election of township and county officers. Board present, E. A. Crouse and W. H. Kingery, also Samuel Stewartson, county clerk; absent, B. F. Heustan. On motion E. A. Crouse was elected chairman. The meeting was then called to order by the chairman. A motion was then made that the county be divided into three commissioner districts, as follows:
The First Commissioner District to embrace towns six, seven, eight, nine and ten south of ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west.
The Second Commissioner District to embrace all of towns six, seven, eight, nine and ten south of ranges thirty-three and thirty-four west.
The Third Commissioner District to embrace all of towns six, seven, eight, nine and ten south of ranges thirty-five and thirty-six west.
Motion carried.
Motion was made and seconded that the county be divided into six townships. Carried.
On motion the townships were named as follows: Wendell, Randall, Rovohl, Morgan, Barrett and Hale.
On motion the townships were established as follows:
The township of Wendell is bounded as follows:
Commencing at the northeast corner of Thomas county, thence nine miles south on county line to dividing line between sections thirteen and twenty-four, town seven, range thirty-one, thence west twelve miles on section line to place of beginning, embracing all of town six and north half of town seven south of ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west.
The township of Randall is bounded as follows:
Commencing at the northeast corner of section twenty-four, thence south twenty-one miles to south line of county, thence west twelve miles on county line to dividing line between ranges thirty-two and thirty-three, thence north twenty-one miles on range line to dividing line between sections eighteen and nineteen, town seven, range thirty-two, thence east on section line to place of beginning, embracing the south half of town seven, and all of towns eight, nine and ten south of ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west.
The town of Rovohl is bounded as follows:
Commencing at the northeast corner of section one, town six, range thirty-three, thence south nine miles on range line to dividing line between sections thirteen and twenty-four, town seven, range thirty-one, thence west on section line to place of beginning, embracing the south half of town seven, and all of towns eight, nine and ten south of ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west.
The town of Barrett is bounded as follows:
Commencing at the northeast corner of section one, town six, range thirty-three, thence south nine miles on range line to dividing line between sections thirteen and twenty-four, town seven, range thirty-one, thence west on section line to place of beginning, embracing the south half of town seven, and all of towns eight, nine and ten south of ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west.

THE following is a list of the same:
COUNTY OFFICERS.
One County Commissioner, 1st District.
One County Commissioner, 2d District.
One County Commissioner, 3d District.
Sheriff.
Treasurer for the short term.
Clerk of District Court.
County Clerk.
Register of Deeds.
Probate Judge.
County Attorney.
State Representative.
County Superintendent of Public Instruction.
County Surveyor.
Coroner.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:
One Township Trustee.
One Township Clerk.
One Township Treasurer.
Two Justices of the Peace.
Two Constables.
All those voting for the permanent location of the county seat of said county of Thomas, State of Kansas, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the County Seat," followed by the name of the place voted for.
The voting places are as follows:
Wendell township—At the residence of Mr. Sammers, on section 24, town 6, range 31.
Randall township—At the residence of Ira Jennings on section 24, town 8, range 31.
Rovohl township—At the Otterbourne post-office.
Morgan township—At Colby, in J. B. McGonigal's office.
Barrett township—At the Quickville post-office.
Hale township—At Eden store, residence of J. D. Hughes.

Notice of Election.
TO THE VOTERS OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS:
WHEREAS, Hon. John A. Martin, Governor of the State of Kansas, did, by authority of law in him vested, appoint and commission B. F. Heustan, W. H. Kingery, and E. A. Crouse as County Commissioners and Samuel Stewartson County Clerk of said county of Thomas, State of Kansas, and did declare the Town of Colby as the temporary County Seat of said county, State of Kansas.
THEREFORE, be it known, that on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1885, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M., at the voting precincts designated below, county of Thomas, State of Kansas, a special election will be held for the purpose of voting for the permanent location of the county seat of said county, and for county and township officers.

Land For The Landless!

Homes for the Homeless!

I have for sale some very desirable tracts of land in the now well known beautiful county of Thomas at from \$4.50 to \$6.00 Per Acre.

Terms to suit the buyer, and at low rate of interest. The spring rush is going to be immense, and land must raise in value, so

Now is the Time to Invest.

If you can't come, write me for description of lands and prices.

W. H. COPELAND.

The township of Morgan is bounded as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section twenty-four, town seven, range thirty-three, thence south twenty-one miles on range line to south line of county, thence west twelve miles on south line of county to dividing line between ranges thirty-four and thirty-five, thence north twenty-one miles on range line to dividing line between sections eighteen and nineteen, town seven, range thirty-four, thence east twelve miles on section line to place of beginning, embracing south half of town 7, and all of towns 8, 9 and 10 south of ranges 33 and 34 west.

The township of Barrett is bounded as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section 1, town 6, range 35, thence south 9 miles on range line to dividing line between sections 13 and 24, town 7, range 35, thence west 12 miles on section line to west line of county, thence north 9 miles on county line to north line of county, thence east twelve miles on county line to place of beginning, embracing all of town 6, and north half of town 7, south of ranges 35 and 36 west.

The township of Hale is bounded as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section 24, town 7, range 35, thence south 21 miles on range line to south line of county, thence west 12 miles on county line to west line of county, thence north 21 miles on county line to dividing line between sections 18 and 19, town 7, south of range 35 west, thence east 12 miles on section line to place of beginning, embracing south half of town 7, all of towns 8, 9, and 10 south of ranges 35 and 36 west.

Moved and carried that the voting places be now established.

On motion the places for holding elections in the several townships were established as follows:

The place for holding the election in Wendell township, at the residence of Mr. Sammers, on section 24, town 6, range 31.

The place for holding the election in Randall township, at the residence of Ira Jennings, on section 24, town 8, range 31.

The place for holding the election in Rovohl township at the Otterbourne post-office.

The place for holding the election in Morgan township, at Colby, at J. B. McGonigal's office.

The place for holding the election in Barrett township, at Quickville post-office.

The place for holding election in Hale township, at Eden store, residence of J. D. Hughes.

Moved and carried that we now proceed to issue a proclamation for a special election to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of November, A. D. 1885, as follows:

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Coroner.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 10th day of October, A. D. 1885.

E. A. CROUSE,
W. H. KINGERY,
County Commissioners.

ATTEST:
SAMUEL STEWARDSON, County Clerk.

On motion adjourned for one hour.
Meeting called to order by the chairman.

Commissioners present, E. A. Crouse, chairman, and W. H. Kingery, and Samuel Stewartson, county clerk. Absent, B. F. Heustan.

On motion the commissioners proceeded to order the following county supplies, from G. W. Crane & Co., Topeka, Kan.:

1 seal county clerk	\$ 4.00
6 sets poll books, at 40 cts.	2.40
1 commissioners' journal	15.00
1,000 county script	20.00
100 county vouchers	1.50
Total	\$45.90

Adjourned to meet on the 24th of October, 1885, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SAMUEL STEWARDSON,
County Clerk.

N. J. ADAMS

RED FRONT

Furniture Store!

Keeps a full line of Bedsteads, Bed Springs, Mattresses, Rocking Chairs, Kitchen-Safes, Wash Stands and everything belonging to the

Furniture Trade.

Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes ordered on short notice. No pains will be spared to accommodate the public.

Remember the Red Front.

N. J. ADAMS, Prop.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No. 3756.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kan., Oct 10, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oberlin, Kansas, on Dec 9, 1885, viz: J. C. Douglass D. 8, No. 2085, for the ne qr section 4, town 6 south, range 33 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: I. L. Rich, W. H. Archer, S. C. Passell, J. C. Passell, all of Otterbourne, Kan.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
32-37015

Notice for Publication No 3769.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kan., Oct 8 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oberlin, Kan., on Dec 8th, 1885, viz: L. A. Barrett, D 8 No 2141 for the ne qr sec 3 town 7 south range 33 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: W. W. Smith, Caleb Woodward, Moses Goss, Henry Clear, all of Hawkeya, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
32-37015

Notice for Publication No 3768.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kan., Oct 7 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oberlin, Kan., on Dec 8th, 1885 viz: Irvin J. Wilkie, D S No 1896 for the nw qr sec 3 town 7 south range 33 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas O. Mear, Edward O. Mear, L. N. Reed, of Otterbourne, Kan., Martin Witham, of Cumberland, Kansas.

A. C. PATCHIN, Register.
32-37016

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New Departure!

THE PIONEER

STILL ON DECK.

Oct. 15th,

I will display on my shelves a new and elegant stock of

Clothing,

Gents' Furnishing Goods,

Underwear, Etc., Etc.

I have selected my goods carefully to meet the demands of the people, and can and will sell at such prices that no one

Need go cold

Of Course

I still keep on hand the—

CHOICEST GROCERIES,

Best Brands of FLOUR, Etc.

The Old Pioneer

ON THE CORNER.

M. DONELAN, Prop.